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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)
Larry Hood, et al)
Serial No.:) Examiner: S. Harris
Filed:) Art Unit: 3309
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
MODIFICATIONS OF VISUAL ACUITY)
BY THERMAL MEANS)

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YaPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

The applicant would like to file the following preliminary
amendment for the above entitled continuation application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 33 as follows.

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~~33~~. (ONCE AMENDED) A method for reshaping a cornea of a
patient, comprising the steps of:

a) electrically grounding the patient;

b) [a)] placing an electrode in contact with the cornea
[tissue]; and,

c) [b)] sending a current through said electrode and into
the cornea so that a local area of the cornea is heated and
denatured.

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Please cancel claims 1³² and 38⁵⁰.

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PREL. AMENDMENT

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